

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7 and 9-11 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicants maintain the previously submitted arguments with respect to the claimed invention.

Further, Applicants submit that the applied art does not disclose or suggest at least, “sound information from said frame images is output,” and “wherein said sound information and the combined image information are output,” as recited in amended independent claim 1 and similarly recited in amended independent claims 7, 10, and 11¹.

Yet further, Applicants submit that neither Prandoni nor Meier, alone or in combination, discloses or suggests the claimed relationship between “combined image information” and sound information”.

An exemplary result of the above-discussed features can be that a delay of the combined image information can be suppressed within the predetermined time with respect to the sound information.

Applicants submit that the dependent claims 3-6 and 9 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies from the above-discussed independent claims.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

¹ Support for these amended claims can be found at least at numbered paragraphs [0047]-[0048] and Fig. 13 of the originally filed specification.

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